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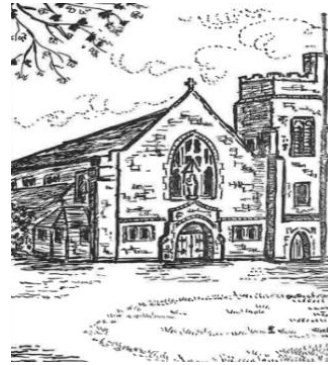
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The first reading from Isaiah on this 29th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B describes a servant who suffers for others. This servant takes on pain and sorrow to bring healing and forgiveness. This passage points to Jesus, who willingly suffered to save us from our sins. Jesus's suffering was not in vain. By His wounds, we are healed. His sacrifice shows the depth of His love for us and calls us to love others in the same way. We are called to bear one another's burdens and share in their suffering. In our lives, we will face challenges and suffering. Following Jesus's example, we should embrace these moments as opportunities to grow in love and service. By doing so, we reflect the love of Christ to those around us.

In Mark's Gospel today, James and John ask Jesus for positions of honor. Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from serving others. He came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many. Jesus's response turns worldly ideas of power and authority upside down. True leadership in the Kingdom of God is about humility and service, not seeking honor for oneself. He calls us to follow His example. This lesson challenges us to examine our desires and ambitions. Are we seeking personal glory, or are we willing to serve others selflessly? True greatness is found in humility and service, as shown by Jesus.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to *Missio* (the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission) helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. So, today, we pray in a special way for the missionary activity of the Church around the world. And, there'll be a second collection at the end of Mass for Missio.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS: We need more helpers for serving tea & coffee after the Sunday 9.30am Mass, even if only once a month. If you would be willing to help out, please email the Parish office – it would be a great act of service.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

For us as Catholics, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops are urging all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide and calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose it (*there is a lot of information you can source on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website*). Catholics are asked to contact their MPs to voice their opposition to this latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide via a simple online mechanism made available by the charity Right to Life UK. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law – the 2nd reading of the Bill in Parliament is 29th November.

POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 13 - JUSTICE

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the virtues, we now turn to justice, which the Catechism describes as “the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour” (No. 1807). Justice is not only a virtue to be practiced by individuals; it is above all a social virtue, for it is directed to the creation of communities in which each person is treated in accordance with his or her innate dignity. Justice is thus the basis of peace. The practice of justice demands the practice of other virtues, such as honesty, integrity, respect for law and commitment to the common good. Jesus calls blessed those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (cf. *Mt 5:6*). How greatly our world, riven by war and manifest inequality, needs men and women firmly committed to the pursuit of justice, so that the human family can live and flourish in unity, solidarity and peace.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS: The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of the church ready for the month of November when we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and then place them in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office but please do not put them directly in the basket – as the money in them may be stolen.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7th December** in the Parish Hall. **Please save the date.** We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be given in to the Parish Office.

AUTUMN MASS COUNT 2024: We have just completed a count over the last 4 weekends of the number of people who have attended Mass here at St Mary's. The average weekend total for our 4 Sunday Masses was 890 which is an increase from our Autumn Mass Count last year of 809, but we are still down on our pre-Covid figures of just over 1,000. There's still work to be done, but by God's grace and our witness, we pray that we can draw more people back to church.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers. *Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.*

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 29th June 2025. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: There have now been over ten and a half million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS): Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 3rd November from 10.30am - 4pm. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts and crafts and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event. If you have any crafts, unopened gifts or homemade jams and chutneys you would like to donate to us and are able to drop off to our premises in Billericay, we would be delighted to receive them. Thank you.

YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26TH – 27TH OCTOBER

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Eddie O'Mahoney who has died recently. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. His funeral will be here on the 28th October at 11am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Eileen Ronan, Anne Sullivan, Melona Vigo, Josie Walsh, and Evelyn Ward

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	19 th October	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 29 th Sunday in ordinary time	20 th October	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
Monday	21 st October	9.15am	Norah, Mary, Paddy & Patrick Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	22 nd October	9.15am	Carly Menon RIP
Wednesday	23 rd October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Ronnie Jones RIP
Thursday	24 th October	9.15am	John Hawes RIP
Friday	25 th October	9.15am	Hannah Brennan RIP & Fr Brian McGilloway RIP
Saturday St. Cedd Vigil Mass	26 th October	9.15am	Martha Sheridan RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	The Souls of D'Cruz Family
Sunday 30 th Sunday in ordinary time	27 th October	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Danny McCarthy RIP

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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